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## Austria - Clean Clothes Kampagne

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- Public Awareness

Campaigns

CCC Austria is writing a new action handbook for organisations and individual activists, which is due to come out in March.

Other activities and Events

4th December 2004: CCC Austria organised a CCC-Party in Vienna, which was attended by lots of young people (about 150), who got to know the CCC and drank for Clean Clothes: 500 € profit.

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- Solidarity Work

Urgent Appeals

CCC Austria is still working with the Olympics Petition, and hasn't taken up any new UA work.

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- Companies

Monitoring and Verification

The campaign on a regular basis participates in civil-society CSR-discussions with TUs and NGOs, as well as in public round table discussions on CSR.

3 Austrians participated in the rating & ranking meeting in Paris on the 19th of January.

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- New Publications and Materials

A new CCC Austria Newsletter came out in December (circulation 11.000).

New posters with a price make up of jeans and sports shoes were made.

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## **Belgium North - Schone Kleren Campagne**

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- Public Awareness

### **Campaigns**

Informal economy (Wereldsolidariteit, ACV, etc)

Launch 20 January: 220 staff members of different organisations; exhibition and workshop 'the clothes she wears', petition towards Belgian authorities; goal: 40 000 signatures.

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- Solidarity Work

### **Urgent Appeals**

- Gildan - Honduras  
Belgian NGO FOS continued it's action in cooperation with partner organisation FITH FESITRADEH.
- Daiyin Lanka - Sri Lanka  
Belgian NGO Wereldsolidariteit started an action in cooperation with partner organisation National Workers Congress - no information after tsunami.
- Grupo M - Haiti  
Belgian CCC representatives had a meeting with Levi Strauss' director Global Code of Conduct Michael Kobori.

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- Public Authorities

### **Ethical Procurement**

#### **Clean Clothes Communities**

67 communities have now adopted a motion (out of 300).

Some communities included demands in public tenders; CCC Belgium North is gathering information on this.

On December 4th, a seminar with 4 work wear companies was organised. Together with this, research on Belgian suppliers of work wear is taking place, accompanied by a round of phone calls to 20 major Belgian work wear suppliers.

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- New Publications and Materials



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**Belgium (French and German speaking Belgium) -  
Campagne Vêtements Propres**

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- Public Awareness

Campaigns

Toy campaign.

This campaign is now in a transition phase, towards a potential enlargement within a purchasing practices campaign.

- Consumer side : New material has become available, connecting bad labour conditions with over- consumption. The campaign has a good working relation with Test Achats-Test Aankoop (main consumer organisation in Belgium) who published the results of the research concerning the labour conditions in factories producing toys for well known brands.
- Media side : The campaign has had high media impact. There has been contact with television stations in Belgium, France and Switzerland to promote a Swedish programme made by the Fair Trade Center, based upon Swedwatch research.
- Company side : No new systematic steps towards companies were taken.

Other activities and Events

New website in preparation, to be launched on the 31st of March 2005

[www.vetementspropres.be](http://www.vetementspropres.be)

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- Solidarity Work

Urgent Appeals

- Haïti - Codevi : follow-up of the action that was launched in July. We had a meeting with Michael Kober (Levi's global code of conduct director) and Manuel Baigorri, the new director general codes of conduct Europe, Middle-East and Africa. New update (and possible press communique) to be published soon on the website according to the confirmation of the rehiring of the 300 workers.

Partner Activities

Transmission of the request for support after Tsunami disaster from FTZUnion Sri Lanka and SBSI - Indonesia to the member NGOs of the platform

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- Companies

Monitoring and Verification

Follow-up of the launch of "Made with fair trade cotton" socks on the Belgian market, labeled by Max Havelaar.

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- Public Authorities

Ethical Procurement

We are preparing a campaign on clean communities for the end of 2006 (local elections will be in October).

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- New Publications and Materials

We designed a toy campaign poster and a new website.

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- Other relevant and inspiring news

New working group including trade union shop stewards of retailing companies to run a research-action. The aim is to build a union tool to be used inside company councils or European company committees to get information on the impact of purchasing and sale practices on the labour conditions in production and retailing. The research will also be used for defining a trade union training programme. We work on the basis of specific cases and by way of role play.

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## **France - Collectif De l'éthique sur l'étiquette**

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- Public Awareness

Campaigns

2004

The "Play Fair at the Olympics" campaign was a major campaign in France during year 2004.

Some VIPs from the sporting community and from show-business supported the campaign: Didier Deschamps (football), Opata Dieudonné (jumping), Jean-Luc Van Den Heede (sailing boat), Emma Daumas (singer) and many others...

However the French Olympic Committee didn't accept any responsibility for the working conditions in the sporting goods industry and refused to engage into dialogue with the French CCC (despite of two CCC press releases). In addition to the tools of the



international campaign, the collective "De l'ethique sur l'etiquette" published some specific tools in order to keep on pressuring the big French retailers (general ones and some who specialise in sports retail).

A "barometer" was published, ranking companies, regarding the CCC concerns on management of social quality in the supply chains. French companies were ranked below the 3 international brands Nike, Reebok and Adidas. A booklet called "Entreprises et Qualite sociale 2004" (56 pages) was published, delivering an extensive description of the social quality management of each ranked company. All these tools are available from the website: [www.ethique-sur-etiquette.org](http://www.ethique-sur-etiquette.org)

122 local CCC coalitions in France organised 335 events related to this campaign (this involved 667 associations and local trade unions).

170 000 signatures were collected on the petition to IOC.

110 000 postcards were sent to 3 main French sports retailers (Decathlon, Go sport and Intersport).

The main event in Paris involved a press conference to launch the campaign on the 9th of March (contact with 800 journalists) + a demonstration on Trocadero (in front of the Eiffel tower) on the 24th of June (with Engin Sedat Kaya, unionist from Turkey).

In terms of media coverage, around 550 written articles in 163 newspapers, 11 radio + 5 TV items related our campaign appeared in France.

2005

The French CCC developed a second phase for campaigning during 2005 in France on social quality management in the sporting goods sector, called "Jouez le jeu !" (February 2005 - June 2005). The pressure will be directed specifically towards Decathlon, E.Leclerc, Go Sport, Carrefour, Intersport, Auchan. Among the 120 local coalitions in France, many will meet managers of local shops to discuss social quality management. In addition to these actions, postcards will be sent in France to pressure Le Coq Sportif, Reebok and La Redoute.

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- Solidarity Work

Urgent Appeals

- Stallion garment  
Decathlon was pressured to reinstate the fired unionists in the factory. A letter was produced by Decathlon, which can be very helpful for the workers in their legal action against Stallion garment.
- MSP - Thailand  
Another case on anti-unionist actions. Strong pressure on Decathlon as a current customer of this company. A Decathlon mission is in Asia to follow this case, including the international social compliance manager. Depending on the results

of this mission, the French CCC is considering to include this case in the 2005 campaign, using the pressure of local coalitions in French cities.

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- Companies

Monitoring and Verification

The French CCC organises a round table in France on monitoring and verification systems. It is scheduled for the 2nd of June 2005. Two representatives of Southern organisations (1 NGO + 1 TU) will be invited to participate.

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- Public Authorities

Ethical Procurement

The collective "De l'ethique sur l'etiquette" attends to every national meeting of the group of French communities on ethical procurement. This group is coordinated by the association "Citees Unies France", it's called "Achats Publics Ethiques". Trainings are regularly organised by this group to enlarge the skills in the French cities regarding this issue.

Legal Action

An "open letter" was sent in January 2004 to the French Ministry of Sustainable Development about the implementation of the French law on "New Economic Regulations". Some of the considerations made by the French CCC were taken into account in several reports produced by the Ministry since this CCC action. We are frequently presenting our position in seminars organised in France about this law. This law requires companies quoted in a stock exchange in France to annually deliver written information on the social and environmental impacts of their activities.

A study is forecasted by the French CCC during the first half of 2005 on public regulation systems for social quality management by companies worldwide.

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- New Publications and Materials

For the 2005 campaign in France we will distribute inside the French network: 1000 guidance manuals for activists, 3500 posters, 50 000 campaigning leaflets, 20 000 postcards, 500 panels for education/training, 48 000 stickers, 1500 Olympic reports in French (+ several tools already used in 2004).

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# **Germany - Kampagne für 'Saubere' Kleidung**

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## **- Public Awareness**

### **Campaigns**

In January 2005, the CCC sports committee started discussions about a follow-up of the Olympic Campaign and the build up to the Football World Championship 2006 in Germany.

### **Other activities and Events**

Pre-Christmas street theatre in Berlin (Tchibo) / Educational material and events on sportswear at schools in Lower Saxony / Trainings of metal workers' union officers on general CCC topics.

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## **- Solidarity Work**

### **Partner Activities**

Spreading the appeals for support of FTZ Union Sri Lanka and PMK Indonesia after the tsunami catastrophe.

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## **- Companies**

### **Monitoring and Verification**

- a) Successful ending of pilot project involving CCC and Hess Natur, resulting in extended membership of Hess Natur in FWF.
- b) Withdrawal of CCC from German Round Table on Codes of Conduct.
- c) General agreement CCC and Puma on joint pilot project 2005 in El Salvador (November 2004) - concrete details to be determined soon.

### **Brand related work**

Tchibo and CCC talks in September 2004 about labour rights violations in Bangladesh supplier factories - outcome unsatisfactory. Street actions in October 2004 in Hamburg, further actions planned at CCC Tchibo committee meeting in January for the next months.

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## **- Public Authorities**

### **Ethical Procurement**

The CCC project on public procurement in Northrhine Westfalian communities started in



November 2003 and will end in April 2005. Highlight was a survey on communities, which results were published in a brochure in October 2004 and discussed at a public forum on 7 December 2004 in Düsseldorf. This forum succeeded in getting the support from the regional Ministry for the Environment and Protection of Consumer Interests. A follow-up project has been applied for.

#### Legal Action

CCC Germany made an assessment of the OECD complaint case against adidas, which includes proposals for change of the OECD Guidelines.

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#### - New Publications and Materials

1. "Textileinkauf bei Kommunen und Gemeinden. Ausgewählte Gemeinden in NRW", by Gisela Burckhardt et al., Wuppertal 2004 (German brochure on public procurement in Northrhine Westfalia). German language.
2. "Wir sind keine Maschinen. Globalisierte Bekleidungsproduktion am Beispiel Mittelamerikas", publ. CIR, Münster December 2004 (Globalised garment production in Central America). German language.
3. "Tchibo - Jede Woche eine andere Welt? Nicht für die Textilarbeiterinnen" by Korshed Alam et al., January 2005 (Tchibo - every week another world? Not for the garment workers). German language.
4. "Nähen für den Weltmarkt. Frauenarbeit in Freien Exportzonen und der Schattenwirtschaft. Länderbeispiele China, Indonesien und Sri Lanka" (Women's work in export processing zones and in the informal economy. Country studies China, Indonesia and Sri Lanka. Fashion companies under examination), by Ingeborg Wick, SÜDWIND-Reihe 'Strukturelle Gewalt in den Nord-Süd-Beziehungen, Siegburg January 2005. German language, extracts in English on website SÜDWIND (HKCIC and PMK research.)

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## International Secretariat - Clean Clothes Campaign

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#### - Coordination

#### Campaigns

##### Play Fair at the Olympics

The international secretariat has had an evaluation done for the Olympics campaign. The outcomes have been shared. An evaluation and planning meeting of the Olympics campaign has been organised in December 2004, with Oxfam, Global Unions, and other partners in the campaign.

##### Other activities and Events

### Visit Greece

From December 18th to 20th 2004, the IS visited Athens, because as a result of the cooperation for the PfatO campaign, the union had taken the initiative to set up CCC Hellas. The core group now consists of the GSEE union, Amnesty International Greece and Fair Trade Hellas. We had a preliminary meeting with those organisations, and after that a larger meeting with other Greek NGOs and unions to inform them of the CCC, Greek plans and hear about their interests and ideas. The secretariat will be formed by the union, and the campaign is now set to be launched in March.

### Visit Spain

From December 21st to 23rd 2004, the IS visited Spain, to discuss the current state of affairs with Setem and other organisations in the platform. They met with new (part time) coordinator Eva Kreisler, with Setems from different parts of the country, and other NGOs. Eva will be based in Madrid, and priorities for 2005 include international coordination and relationships; rebuilding national platform; communication in Spain: website, e-newsletter, materials; work on Spanish companies: research, contacts and actions; work on the South: Morocco, urgent appeals.

### Organisation Euromeeeting

The IS organised and coordinated the European meeting, February 3rd and 4th 2005 in Brussels.

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### - Solidarity Work

### Urgent Appeals

#### Impact Assessment Study

A draft of the Urgent Appeals Impact Study Assessment Study was submitted by the researcher, Kelly Dent. The IS provided extensive comments, and now Kelly is revising the study based on these comments and other feedback received from the study reference group. The IS organised a workshop to discuss the study findings with the European CCC coordinators (Feb 2) and a workshop with partners who we work on UAs with in Asia. The study will be finalised end of March.

### Partner Activities

#### Visit Bangladesh

From January 7th to 17th 2005, the IS visited Dhaka, Bangladesh. The aims for this visit were to meet with our partner organisations and discuss the most important priorities for the CCC work dedicated to the country, and visit some factories for starting work on research about audit companies. We had over 25 meetings, a report of which is prepared and shared.

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### - Companies

## Monitoring and Verification

- Co-organised and participated in a workshop on code implementation in the garment industry at EU CSR conference Maastricht, 9 November, and subsequently took part in a debriefing of the Dutch minister for Development.
- Joint Project (Turkey): consultation and steering committee meeting in Turkey (2-5 November); brands and steering committee meeting in Amsterdam (24 and 25 January).

## Brand related work

- The IS prepared a letter about the phasing out of the MFA, for CCCs to send to companies (preferably non-MSIs) and governments in their country.
- Nominated Wal-Mart for the Public Eye in Davos (and won) in the category labour rights, the case file can be found on:  
[http://www.evb.ch/index.cfm?page\\_id=3339](http://www.evb.ch/index.cfm?page_id=3339)

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## - New Publications and Materials

A new leaflet explaining the CCC Urgent Appeals system was produced. This short brochure is aimed at providing workers' organizations and their advocates in countries where garments are produced with basic information on what the UA system is and how to contact the system should they want to make use of it. This brochure is useful to leave behind when you go to visit partner organisations and mention the CCC's UA work. To order copies, please contact the IS.

A new edition of the International newsletter was produced in December. Work is ongoing on the special edition of the newsletter on gender and how it relates to the issues the CCC takes up.

A draft version of the Informal labour seminar report is written and shared - later a definitive and designed version will become available.

On the internal website, the IS built a Contacts Database, a HR Photo Database, the Urgent Appeals Database. Also, an overview of available Educational material was compiled and put up on that site.

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## **the Netherlands - Schone Kleren Kampagne**

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### - Public Awareness

### Campaigns

Evaluation of the Fair Play campaign within coalition (CCC, FNV, Novib): concept report has been written. Novib and FNV stopped campaigning, CCC does follow up towards NOC\*NSF.

## Other activities and Events

### Workshops and lectures:

- 19 November: CCC contributed to a big sport event for 700 students. Theme: sports and development issues. Event took place at Papendal, where NOC\*NSF is located.
- 23 November: lecture at secondary school on Olympics campaign and CCC issues in general.

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### - Solidarity Work

## Urgent Appeals

### Global Sports Lanka (North Sails Lanka)

- October 2004: Re-opening campaign on North Sails: no progress has been made in negotiations between GSL and union.
- 14 December 2004: international solidarity actions in the Netherlands and Switzerland. NL: Action in front of Kubus Sports, North Sails dealer. In Switzerland they tried to find out more about North Sails and its business relations Global Sports Technologies and Boards and More. On the same day, workers at the North Sails factory distributed posters, calling to take back the dismissed workers.
- 23 January 2005: CCC Netherlands and Germany spoke with North Sails dealers, public and distributed flyers at one of the biggest European water sports exhibition in Dusseldorf. A week before, No Sweat activists attended the London boat show, distributed action cards, and were expelled from the grounds by security.
- 10.000 leaflets produced: North Sails wipes out on workers' rights (5.000 Dutch, 5.000 German)

### Codevi, Haiti

- Sent letter to Dutch representative of the World Bank (Ad Melkert)
- November 2004: letter of protest sent around the mailing list
- Answer from Ad Melkert: mediation process underway
- Now: discussion on how to proceed

Also, we did some letter writing to Fila's Dutch importer and Cerberus (who took over Fila) to inform them about the international meeting that took place in September in New

York between CCC, Oxfam, unions and the Chief Marketing Officer of Fila and to express our concerns about the situation at the PT Tae Hwa factory in Tangerang, Indonesia.

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- Companies

Monitoring and Verification

- FWF: 14 members (new: producer of work wear, and Hess - first European company that becomes a FWF member)
- FWF participates in the 'Joint Initiative' with other MSI's on monitoring and verification (Europe and the US) and the CCC.
- European companies can become a FWF member if stakeholders (unions and NGO's) in the respective country support this.

Brand related work

Working group on rating and ranking met for the first time in Paris at the 19th of January.

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- Public Authorities

Ethical Procurement

Clean Clothes Communities

Amsterdam won the sustainable purchasing price 2004 for the release of brochure 'clean clothes'. This brochure is meant to be a practical guide for municipal buyers of work wear. This yearly price is presented by the Ministry of housing, spatial planning and the environment (VROM) to governments who inspiringly integrate sustainability into their buying practices. A first evaluation in the community council is on its way.

CCC NL and Albert Sales of Setem, Spain, visited Enschede which is the first Dutch municipality that uses the Amsterdam guide in their public procurement document with far reaching social and environmental demands (referring to FWF membership). Both participated in a study day organised by CCC Belgium.

The Ministry of Defence adjusted its environmental note by inserting ILO norms, but added nothing on monitoring and verification. FWF wrote a letter to the Minister for Development Cooperation to raise this issue.

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- New Publications and Materials

- Dutch newsletter 'Schoon Genoeg', October 2004, results of the Fair Play at the Olympics campaign, interview with NOC\*NSF representative, article on the phase out of the MFA and a FAQ.
- Letter of protest, November 2004, Codevi case, Haiti.
- Action card on North Sails, North Sails wipes out on workers' rights, German and Dutch.

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## Spain - Campaña Ropa Limpia

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### - Public Awareness

#### Campaigns

##### Play Fair at the Olympics:

Various activities were done to support the campaign. In Spain, this campaign was carried out by SETEM, Intermón Oxfam, CC.OO., and UGT (two development NGOs and two trade unions respectively), with local support from some autonomous regions by separate NGOs.

##### Press Events :

Press Conference, 4th of March 2004: presentation of the campaign "Play Fair at the Olympics" TV, radio, and newspaper coverage. During the press conference, the report about labour conditions in the sports industry was presented. The top representatives of the participating organizations spoke publicly.

Signature collection and awareness building occurred in the following acts:

- Madrid Marathon (Madrid): 23rd of April 2004. The runners had to pick up their numbers and registration material in Casa de Campo. The presence of the biggest sports brands was all around, as each runner was bombarded by big-name merchandising. The main aim was to have the runners and their families sign onto the program. 210 signatures.
- Taking advantage of the Olympic torch in both Madrid and Barcelona, events were planned in cities to promote and build awareness about the "Fair Play in the Olympics" campaign:
- Museo Reina Sofia (Madrid): media-covered event, involving African drum players, jugglers and acrobats. Placing tables near the entrance of the Museum allowed the passing visitors to inform themselves about the campaign. A "Dream Quilt" hung in the plaza. Radio and TV coverage - 814 signatures.
- Edificio CC.OO. Via Laietana: The Dream Quilt was placed on display at the headquarters of the CC.OO in Barcelona, right in front of the path of the Olympic torch.



- Forum (Barcelona): signatures of adhesion to the campaign "Play Fair at the Olympics" collected by Intermón Oxfam and SETEM Barcelona during the Forum. More than 90.000 signatures were collected.
- 20th of June: dialogue within the Forum "What's behind your clothes?" organised by SETEM. Speakers: representatives of trade unions and employers associations from Southern and Northern countries, representatives of CC.OO and UGT (Spanish trade unions), Intermón Oxfam and SETEM.
- Concert Benicassim (Valencia): Organized by Intermón Oxfam.

In total, 160.000 signatures were collected by the participating organizations throughout Spain.

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- Public Authorities

#### Ethical Procurement

A programme about Ethical Procurement in the Catalonia region was initiated in September 2004. Different local governments are involved: Barcelona, Manresa and Badalona.

4th August 2004: The Diputación de Sevilla (public administration of Sevilla) approved and signed a statement of adhesion to the campaign "Play Fair at the Olympics". The Diputación de Sevilla sent the agreement of adhesion to Puma, Fila, Asics, Nike and Reebok.

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## Sweden - Rena Kläder

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- Public Awareness

#### Campaigns

##### Se Upp - Public Procurement

In February Rena Kläder has launched the campaign Se Up, the Swedish public procurement campaign. The launch will consist of an op-ed, seminars for community staff that carry out procurement, and the release of a book about public procurement. The Swedish Association of Health Professionals/Vårdförbundet will partly participate in this campaign.

##### Toy Campaign

Fair Trade Center's toy campaign has distributed 300 documentaries on toy production to schools and unions in Sweden. The documentary is now also translated into English and available from [www.fairtradecenter.se](http://www.fairtradecenter.se).

The campaign is presently focusing on pushing the Swedish toy companies to open up the factories in China to workers' education. Together with the Swedish church youth organisation postcards with this message have been printed and distributed.

The toy companies have agreed to re-audit the investigated factories and share and discuss their findings with Fair Trade Center. This might create an opening for workers education project if HKCIC's findings are confirmed in the re-audits.

#### Other activities and Events

##### Ecology textile fair

Rena Kläder participated on the first fair in Sweden for eco-textiles trying to add a social perspective to the subject.

##### Panel in Gothenburg

Rena Kläder participated in a panel debate in Gothenburg about the garment industry.

##### Socialistic Forum in Stockholm

During the Socialistic Forum in Stockholm Rena Kläder arranged a seminar. In the panel participated Joel Lindefors (CCC), Henrik Lindholm (Fair Trade Center) and Monina Wong (HKCIC).

##### Education weekend

In November Rena Kläder arranged an education weekend for activists and members from the organisations in the platform. 20 persons participated. Focus was put on campaigning for ethical procurement.

##### ATC letter

Because of the MFA phase out, Rena Kläder sent out a letter to 13 clothes and shoe retailers. Up till today five of the retailers have answered, saying that they are not going to make any changes in their supply chain due to the MFA phase out.

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#### - Solidarity Work

#### Urgent Appeals

- North Sails Lanka  
Put on website.
- MSP Sportswear  
Put on website, with possibility to send an email directly from there.

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#### - New Publications and Materials

- Se Upp - a brochure about public procurement. In Swedish.

- Website - Rena Kläder released a new homepage in January with an improved UA function, more accessible general information about the garment industry and inspiration for activists.
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## Switzerland - Clean Clothes Campaign

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### - Public Awareness

Public Eye on Davos 2005 (=parallel conference to the World Economic Forum WEF, Jan. 2005)

On 26 January 2005, the opening day of the World Economic Forum (WEF), the Berne Declaration and Pro Natura presented the first "Public Eye Awards" for irresponsible companies. The laureates of the "Public Eye Awards" were: The Dow Chemical Company, Royal Dutch/Shell Group, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and KPMG International. The Public's Award went to Nestlé S.A.

The winner of the labour law category is US retailing giant Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. that was nominated by the Clean Clothes Campaign. The working conditions in Wal-Mart's clothes supply factories in Africa and Asia are intolerable, ranging from excessive compulsory overtime to wages below the subsistence level. Aisha Bahadur, Civil Society Research and Support Collective, Durban (South Africa) presented the Wal-Mart case (for details see: [http://www.evb.ch/index.cfm?page\\_id=3380](http://www.evb.ch/index.cfm?page_id=3380)).

Other nominated garment companies:

- North Sails, GST, Boards and More Nominated by: Clean Clothes Campaign
- Stallion Garments Nominated by: Maru Malarchi Labour Front
- Tschibo Nominated by CCC Germany (Tchibo-working group)

### Workshops on company rating

After a workshop with activists, letters were sent to companies with a bad rating (according to our publication "Prêt-à-Partager", 2004). The PKZ-Group was forced to answer, which was the first time they gave some information about their social compliance system.

### Global Week of Action (10.-16. April 2005)

With the slogan "Setting the peoples' agenda" there will be a global week of action in April 2005. The Swiss Clean Clothes Campaign is participating with an Action Day on April 14th. There will be actions at least in three Swiss cities.

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# United Kingdom - Labour Behind the Label

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## - Public Awareness

### Campaigns

#### Sportswear: UMBRO follow-up:

We had a meeting between UMBRO, LBL and ITGLWF which was held in mid-December (Oxfam and TUC were unable to attend).

#### British Olympic Association/Greater London Authority follow-up

We've had a third meeting with the BOA in January.

GLA have had contact with the ETI and are looking at which procurement contracts within the London 2012 Bid could include labour rights issues. ETI, TUC and London bid are working on a code to include in procurement contracts which will address labour standards in supply chains as well as environmental and construction worker standards.

#### Evaluation of Olympic Campaign

The UK evaluation assessed the effectiveness of the PFOC with particular emphasis on the costs and benefits of working as a coalition and on improvements which could be made in any future joint working. The key findings on the campaign are:

- that the Campaign was generally successful against objectives, gaining considerable media coverage, engaging with all target organisations and shifting the debate on the exploitation of workers in the sportswear industry;
- that the coalition should continue to campaign on the issues to ensure that target companies and related bodies do implement the desired changes in policy and practice and that these translate into positive changes for workers in the industry.

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## - Solidarity Work

### Urgent Appeals

Work done on two cases involving Matalan, one case on Stallion garments (ASDA/Woolworths)

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## - Public Authorities

### Ethical Procurement

Following a meeting with LBL, No Sweat and Unison, the University of Cardiff's School of Business Studies has completed:

- a preliminary study has been made of the UK legal framework for public procurement, which concludes that there are examples of local authorities taking environmental and social considerations into account when making public purchases despite an Act passed in 1988 to compel local authorities to make their choices on competitive grounds alone;
- a questionnaire has been devised to establish the purchasing practices and policies of local authorities (LAs) with regard to work wear. This questionnaire, as far as we know, has been sent to all UK LAs.

LBL intends to develop this work, possibly using Scotland as a pilot study, and to continue to develop the project in collaboration with Cardiff and the other partners.

Oxfam Cymru (Wales) have managed to persuade the Welsh Assembly to second someone from Oxfam to work on ethical procurement since they are one of few governments that states it has a 'duty to promote sustainable development'. There is a lot of Ministerial buy in to this. Their aim is to work out some guidance for authorities and bodies issuing procurement contracts. They will probably focus on the top 10 procured items - including clothes and computers they think.

CAFOD are doing some work on procurement including having regular meetings with the governmental body that advises public authorities in England on procurement to produce best practice guidance.